

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 04 12699RWZ

**PETITION OF K& R FISHING
ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR
EXONERATION FROM OR
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY,
CIVIL AND MARITIME**

**CLAIM OF MARIA C. LOPES, AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE
ESTATE OF CARLOS A. LOPES, IN RESPONSE TO THE DEFENDANT,
K&R FISHING ENTERPRISE, INC.'S PETITION FOR EXONERATION
FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Now comes the respondent, Maria C. Lopes, as Administratrix of the Estate of Carlos A. Lopes, and asserts a claim in the above-captioned matter against K & R Fishing Enterprises, Inc. pursuant to and in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rule F(5).

More specifically, the respondent, Maria C. Lopes, as Administratrix of the Estate of Carlos A. Lopes, asserts the following:

1. The defendant/petitioner, K & R Fishing Enterprises, inc. was, at all material times hereto, the owner of the F/V NORTHERN EDGE.
2. The defendant/petitioner, K & R Fishing Enterprises Inc. was, at all material times hereto, the employer of the respondent's decedent, Carlos A. Lopes.
3. On or about December 20, 2004, the respondent's decedent, Carlos A. Lopes, while in the course of his employment, was the captain aboard the F/V NORTHERN EDGE. During and in the course of his employment, with the Petitioner, K & R Fishing Enterprises, Inc., the F/V NORTHERN EDGE sunk and the respondent's decedent was lost at sea and caused to die.
4. On or about December 20, 2004, the respondent's decedent was 48 years old. He was earning approximately \$60,000 per year. He was the husband of the respondent, Maria C. Lopes. The respondent asserts a claim for loss of economic support and conscious pain and suffering on behalf of the decedent.
5. The respondent alleges that the petitioner, K & R Fishing Enterprises, Inc. as the owner of the F/V NORTHERN EDGE, and, as the employer of the decedent, was negligent and breached certain warranties in allowing the F/V NORTHERN EDGE to sink. The respondent further alleges that the petitioner, K & R Fishing

Enterprises, Inc., allowed the F/V NORTHERN EDGE to go out to sea, with improper rigging, instability, and other dangerous, defective and unseaworthy conditions. Additionally, the petitioner failed to provide safety drills for proper evacuation of the vessel in case of an emergency. As a result of the petitioner's negligence, the respondent was injured and the respondent's decedent was caused to die.

WHEREFORE, the respondent, Maria C. Lopes, as Administratrix of the Estate of Carlos A. Lopes, hereby asserts a claim for personal injuries and wrongful death in the above-captioned matter against the Petitioner, K & R Fishing Enterprises, Inc.

The Respondent,
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Estate of Carlos A. Lopes
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the
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